



# The Drake News

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## Poetry Competition Final Reminder!



A huge well done to everyone who has already entered our National Poetry Day Competition.

We've received some fantastic and creative poems so far!

There's still time to get involved if you haven't entered yet. The closing date is Wednesday 9th October, so make sure your poem is handed in by then. We can't wait to read even more of your wonderful work.

Good luck, poets!

## Royal Adventures at Norwich Castle!



The rat had stolen the ring and we had to help the king to get it back  
- Erin

I dressed up like a king!  
Casper

I could see the whole of Norwich from the roof  
Darcey



Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Norwich Castle. They were greeted at the gates by Jack the rat-catcher who invited them to help him on his mission to find the King's missing ring. The children were great helpers and searched lots of areas of the castle, as well as helping to prepare for a banquet and sneaking past trolls. They even dressed up as kings and queens! In the afternoon, we explored the battle area of Norwich Castle and overlooked the city. By the time we got on the double decker coach home, we were exhausted but we had a fantastic day!

## Every Day Matters



It is a statutory requirement for children to attend school every day.

This week's winners are  
Tabei with 99.35%

## Growing Green Minds



We now have an exciting climate change and Sustainability section in our school library to help support the children.

We also have a small collection of staff CPD books to support and extend our own knowledge and understanding to.

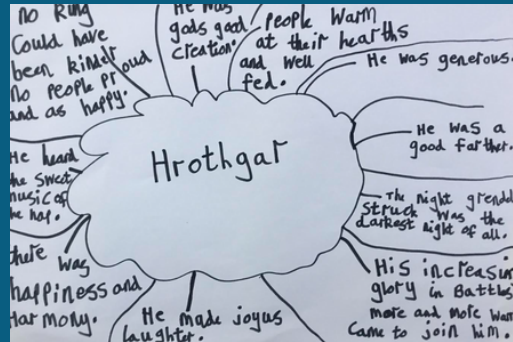


## Year 4 Dive into Beowulf at the Reading Café



On Tuesday, Year 4 welcomed families for a reading café. We focused on the Year 4 curriculum and different types of comprehension questions. We read a chapter of our focus text "Beowulf" and answered some retrieval and vocabulary questions. We created stunning illustrations and character descriptions.

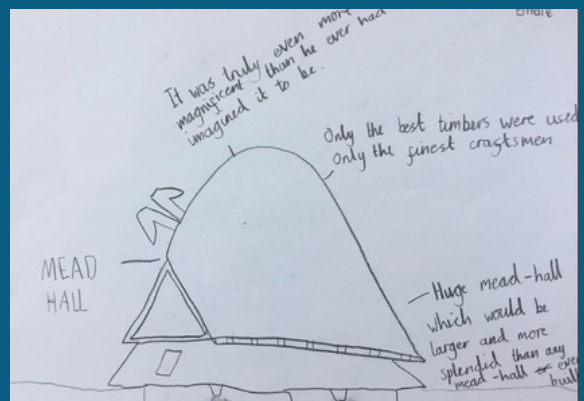
I enjoyed drawing Anglo-Saxon characters and a mead-hall- Szymon



A huge thank you to all the families who joined us for our Year 4 Reading Café – your support and enthusiasm made the event extra special!

I liked working with my mum. We read the text and together we created a spider web about the main character – Zahra.

I loved doing all the activities with my dad. We worked together and we drew pictures together. - Harley



## Reception Shine at Their First Parent Café

Reception held their first Parent Cafe this week. The adults enjoyed the children's performance of the Little Red Hen before finding a cosy spot to enjoy a book or two. The children also took the opportunity to show their grown ups the learning environment.



### Witches, Wizards and Willow Weaving!



Work on our annual scarecrow has continued with groups of children from across the school helping to weave in willow from our willow tunnel on the forest school area, and dogwood from around the school site. The theme for this year's Scarecrow Competition was 'Witches and Wizards' so we have created a willow witch. ★

She has already flown off to Thetford Garden Centre to be part of their Halloween scarecrow trail.

Make sure you go and visit her!

## Sew Much Fun in Sewing Club!



Miss Ware and Miss Hinton are really impressed with the Sewing Club group! We are currently making felt monsters, and everyone has done a fantastic job learning to thread their own needles. The creativity on display with the monster face designs has been amazing. We can't wait to show the finished product in the coming weeks.



## Year 1 Orienteering



This week Year 1 went to Redcastle to take part in some orienteering. They worked in teams and used a map to find numbered cards around the school site. They showed excellent collaboration and problem solving skills.

## Parent Workshops

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending our Online Safety and Maths Workshops this week. Feedback from parents has been extremely positive, with many saying they found the sessions both informative and useful. The children especially enjoyed joining their parents at the end to take part in the games!

Everyone is welcome to join us again next week — there's no need to have attended previous sessions, and we'd love to see you there. Please let the school office know if you plan to attend.

